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EMPIRE RELIEF CAMPAIGN.
(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, January 31.
The campaign to raise £250,000 for the British Empire Leprosy Relief Association was inaugurated at a meeting in the Mansion House presided over by the Lord Mayor.
Messages from the Prince of Wales and Lord Reading, Viceroy of India, were read, paying tributes to the work of the Association.
Lord Chelmsford said that the fact that Sir Humphrey Rolleston, President of the Royal College of Physicians and Sir Leonard Rogers (former member of the Indian Medical Service) were identified with the Association, constituted an assurance that claims made on its behalf could be substantiated.
Sir Humphrey Rolleston pointed out that there were at least 300,000 lepers in the British Empire. There was good reason to believe that Sir Leonard Rogers had found a cure in the fatty acids of certain oils and a preparation called morrhuate of sodium.
Sir Leonard Rogers stated that a trial of Chaulmoogra preparations in 4,067 cases in the Philippines indicated that numerous cures were possible.
Dr. Frank Oldrieve anticipated that the Empire would be practically free from leprosy with thirty years.
Lord Chelmsford announced the receipt of £100 from the King; also £100 from the Prince of Wales.
The Duke of Devonshire, former Secretary of Colonies, declared the movement was viewed with the greatest satisfaction at the Colonial Office as dealing with a great social problem which was pressing very severely on the administrations in various colonies and protectorates.
Sir Sydney Olivier, Secretary of India, said that no medical discovery had so encouraged or overjoyed him as Sir Leonard Rogers's cure which was comparable with the cures of malaria and yellow fever.

GERMANY'S BURDENS.
TROOPS IN THE RUHR.

PARIS, January 31.
Official figures show that the French force in the Ruhr has been reduced from 40,000 to under 30,000.
It is stated that the Belgian troops have been reduced from 7,000 to 4,000.
[An earlier cable stated that among the official data to be examined by General Dawes and the Experts' Committee, is the Reich budget for 1924, showing 5,254 millions gold marks revenue and 5,712 millions expenditure.]

PERILOUS SPORT.
SERIOUS ACCIDENTS.

CHAMONIX, January 31.
While the British bob-sleigh team was practising Captain Browning was thrown out and had a leg broken. Others were bruised.
The Belgian team had a similar mishap, two of its members being injured seriously.
CHAMONIX, January 31.
At ice hockey, America beat Britain 11-0. France beat Belgium 7-5.

RIOT IN THE DIET.
FREE FIGHT WITH FISTS.
BOTTLES THROWN.
JAPANESE POLITICAL
SITUATION COMPLICATED.

The session of the Diet in the Lower House this afternoon ended in a riot.
The trouble was started by the refusal of the Premier to reply to the Opposition's accusations that the Cabinet had instigated and confirmed the attempt to assassinate the leading members of the Opposition last night by the derailing of a train.
Baron Komatsu, Minister for Railways, attempted to reply, but he was prevented by an agitator disguised as a member of the House.
Pandemonium ensued, the members of the Opposition throwing bottles, books and other missiles, and fighting with their fists the Ministerialists and their adherents.
There were no serious casualties, and Diet guards quelled the riot.
The House afterwards adjourned.
Future Uncertain.
The dissolution of the Diet was announced while the Diet was in recess, following the afternoon's riot.
While the members of the Opposition were conferring as to future action, Baron Kiyomasa applied to the Throne for permission to dissolve, and on this

being granted the announcement was issued immediately.
Great surprise was caused, as such action was not expected at present.
The Premier forestalled the imminent non-confidence vote. Political circles are in a turmoil, and are unable to forecast the future.
"Overhearing."
The dissolution announcement is strongly condemned by the members of the Opposition, who immediately held meetings denouncing the "overhearing attitude" of the Government.
Giving three cheers for themselves, the members of the Opposition dispersed, but are again gathering to-night.
Thousands of people are around the Diet building and on the streets.
The police reserves were called out to patrol the streets this afternoon and to-night to prevent expected disturbances.
The Premier has unexpectedly lived up to his dissolution threats made since the Opposition peers in the Cabinet became more and more pronounced.
Government Manifesto.
The Government issued the following statement:
"The three Opposition parties (Seiyukai, Kenseikai and Kakushin Club) declaring themselves allies for the overthrow of the Ministry—has created such a serious condition in and out of the Diet as to prevent the proper State administration and progress. The Government is compelled to report to dissolution in order to appeal to the public."

MOTOR ACCIDENTS.
EUROPEAN INJURES HANDS.
SMALL BOY KILLED.

A motor accident involving a European resident occurred yesterday.
Mr. R. Leonard of No. 37, Sharp Street, was sent to the Government Civil Hospital after being accidentally knocked down by motor-car No. 899 at the foot of Garden Road. On examination it was found that his hand had been injured.
Mr. D. A. Rocha, of No. 3, Robinson Road, was eyewitness in a fatal accident in Main Street, Shaokwan yesterday afternoon. He was in motor-car No. 1,031 when he noticed another car going in the same direction. Near No. 9 house, he saw two boys who were walking on the road, with their backs to the cars. They were obviously startled by the blast from the horn, one of them running, as if in a panic, towards the middle of the road where he was knocked down by the car. The ambulance was immediately summoned but the boy died before it arrived on the scene. The deceased's age is given as nine.
It is believed that the elections will be held in May.
An announcement will be made within 30 days, when the Government will ask the country to support its platform, included in which the restoration programme and manhood suffrage are the principal bones of contention.

STORM CENTRE QUIET.
FIUME'S FUTURE SETTLED.
ANNEXED TO ITALY.
NEW TREATY WITH JUGO-SLAVIA.
(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, January 31.
According to the text of the Italo-Jugo-Slav treaty, Fiume town is annexed to Italy, while the port of Baros and delta and Fiumara go to Jugo-Slavia. The corridor uniting Fiume town with Italy is restricted owing to the inclusion of three villages in Jugo-Slav territory.
Altogether about a hundred houses with 3,000 Jugo-Slavs pass into Jugo-Slav territory, while in Fiume harbour three piers and docks are leased to Jugo-Slavia for 50 years for an annual rental of one gold lira, as a reaffirmation of Italian ownership. Jugo-Slavia administers the harbour.
Negotiations between Italy and Hungary will secure Hungarian traffic an outlet through Fiume harbour.
[After the war Fiume, the port of Croatia, was declared a free port under the League of Nations. Later it was seized by the Italian poet and firebrand d'Annunzio and held by him for Italy. The town has a population of 40,000.]

NAVAL OIL LEASES.
SENATE'S STRONGLY WORDED MOTION.

DENBY'S NAME INCLUDED.
WASHINGTON, January 31.
The Senate has adopted Senator Walsh's resolution directing the President to sue for the annulment of the Doheny and Sinclair oil leases.
It appears that yesterday's voting related to the various amendments moved.
LATER.
Vain efforts were made to soften the language of the resolution, which was finally and unanimously adopted, alleges the leases were entered into without authority and in violation of the law.
LATER.
The Republicans vainly tried to secure the elimination from the resolution of the name of Mr. Denby Secretary of the Navy, in association with the name of Mr. Fall, former Secretary of the Interior as signing the leases.

GREECE'S PREMIER.

ATHENS, January 31.
At the Cabinet's request, M. Venizelos, who was resigning owing to ill-health, has decided to retain the premiership for the time being, although he will not attend the Assembly.
[This decision will obviate the political complications predicted in an earlier cable.]

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from MONDAY, 21st January to SATURDAY, 2nd February 1924, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 15th January, 1924.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS IN THIS COMPANY will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong on SATURDAY, the 9th February 1924, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1923.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 1st January to the 9th February (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1924.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Club will be held in the Jockey Club Room, Hongkong Club Annex, on MONDAY the 4th February 1924 at 5 p.m. for the purpose of confirming the resolutions passed at the EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING held on the 10th January 1924.

By Order
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hongkong 23rd January, 1924.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that as from January 28th, 1924 our office will be removed to CHINA BUILDING (Old Post Office Site) 1st floor, Queen's Road, Central, Hongkong. Suzuki & Co., Ltd., Hongkong. P. O. Box No. 304. Tel Nos. 454, 468, 3397 & 2453. Hongkong, 26th January, 1924.

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THE CHINESE LANGUAGE.

Missionaries have been known on occasion either to address credulous audiences at Home, or write letters suggesting that the devil must surely be responsible for creating such a formidable bar to missionary progress as the Chinese language proves. There is the classic story of the Irish ship's fireman who on having his attention drawn to a Chinese signboard and asked if he could read it, replied in the negative. But assured his interrogator that if he had his violin he could play it. Certain it is that in their spoken and written language the Chinese have found for them from pressure the data of the Bible story of the Tower of Babel, a screen that has been big and thick enough to keep from the rest of the world those who are known as not a little learned and respected. It is only natural therefore that those who seek to work among the Chinese should be in the propagating Christian mission or occupying high positions in the Customs service, or in the government offices, such as Hongkong where the Chinese are a subject race, first of all to make it their business to secure through a knowledge as they can,

first of all of the language or the dialect of the place at which they may be stationed and secondly of the written characters. It is only within recent years that the advantage of a knowledge of the Chinese language on the part of those engaged in commerce, has become to be recognised by the commercial community to such an extent that classes for the study of the language have been arranged by our various Chambers of Commerce principally for the young mercantile assistant who has burnt his boats and come to China to assist in the trade and Commerce which is such a growing feature of life in the Far East. How far such a venture—especially in Hongkong—has justified itself, it is perhaps too early to gauge, but the fact that our Chamber of Commerce has consistently organised these study classes and urged them to the attention of all concerned merits the warmest approval. There was a time not long distant when the Chamber made a point of having a little ceremony of certificate presentation to those who by earnest and consistent study had earned the right to receive them. The custom seems to have fallen into desuetude—unless it means that no one has, since the first presentation, made sufficient progress to merit such a certificate. Every possible encouragement should be given to our young men to engage in the study of, at least, the spoken language. The written language can wait. Some of our Commercial firms insert a clause in

agreements insisting on the language being studied and promising promotion and monetary reward should success accrue. From a practical view of the matter this knowledge should prove of immense gain. The soverely insular, conservative and matter of fact Chinese is bound to be impressed with the fact that the young foreigner has ambition and if his early and natural stumblings in the formation of the right tones provoke perhaps a little condescension, later, as progress is made, this will give place to respect and mutual good will. It is far better that the Chinese buyer or seller should be able to converse with his opposite European brother, and thus avoid misunderstandings very often leading to broken contracts, where the services of an interpreter has to be requisitioned. We think the Government might do much in encouraging this study of the language by subsidising the Language School, making it more perfect, offering scholarships and in some way making it possible for the ardent student to get away for a while to the interior where nothing but Chinese is heard, and where the call of the dance, the dinner and the date are not heard in the land. Competition in trade and commerce becomes more fierce every day and will reach extraordinary vigour when the normal is reached. We need to back up the fact that British goods are still as reliable as they always have been by the fact that Britishers are in a position to recommend and demonstrate their inherent qualities in the language of the country and not in a barbarian "language" that is known as pidgin-English and is a disgrace to both sets of nationals and is neither fish, flesh, fowl or good red herring.

Wiping Out a Scourge.
To-day's cables bring interesting news about leprosy, to eradicate which a great campaign has just been opened. Lieut.-Colonel Sir Leonard Rogers, formerly of the Indian Medical Service and now Lecturer of the London School of Tropical Medicine, has made a special study of leprosy, and has found a cure which is hailed as being equal to the cures of malaria and yellow fever. Sir Leonard Rogers says there are 3,000,000 lepers in the world of whom a million are in China, half a million in Africa and a hundred thousand in India. We have now arrived at a position where with a little push and monetary backing the scourge can be practically wiped out in three decades. Speaking before the Society of Arts in March last, Sir Leonard said the disease was undoubtedly communicable, though statistics showed that only from three to five per cent. of healthy persons living in the same house as a leper contracted the disease. Sufficient time had not yet elapsed to say how many apparent cures would prove permanent but certainly relapses only occurred very rarely, in patients discontinuing treatment as soon as outward signs disappeared. Recent advances in treatment were not sensational but presented a far more important and more practical epoch in the history of leprosy. He urged the inauguration without delay of a new effort to prevent leprosy. The conquest of this age-long scourge, is a problem which has occupied men's minds almost since the dawn of recorded history, and now, at last, the desired end seems to be nearly in sight, thanks to a timid, almost colourless oil known by the name by the name of "moglrol." The story of "moglrol" is a romance of modern science—a tale of patient, laborious, disinterested scientific research, carried on through many years, with no eye to an immediate outcome or to material reward, and culminating at last in the discovery and trial of a substance which is curing one of the most dreaded of diseases. With the ready example of the King and the Prince of Wales it is not to be thought that the response to the Committee's appeal for funds will be small and tardy. Consequently it is possible to say to-day that leprosy will soon be numbered with the dread scourges of the past.

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A GOOD BROAD HINT.

A public notice in Arizona—
"My wife Sarah has left my ranch, and any man as takes her in will get himself pumped so full of lead some tenderfoot will locate him for a mining claim. A word to the wise is sufficient and order work on fools."

Here is a pretty story regarding the recent Berkeley (California) fire: W. J. Mortimer, whose home lay in the devastated area, owned a large aviary, which contained about ninety feathered inmates. Seeing the advancing flames, Mr. Mortimer flung open the doors of the cage and bade them all good-by. Next morning, when revisiting the charred remains of his home, he suddenly was surprised to see a canary flying toward him. Almost at once another appeared, and still another followed. Within fifteen minutes he was surrounded by a regular bevy, and by the time he had managed to improvise a cage once again more than half of the birds had returned.

BETTER UNBORN ALL SCOTCH THAN UNTAUGHT.

In the frost the nail is worth the horse.
Canna's has nae craft.
Nae Weather's ill if the wind be still.
Ill payers are aye guid cravers.
The happy man canna be hurried.
See-for love an' buy for money.

In an interview with Mr. Patrick Braybrooke, Mr. W. B. Maxwell makes some shrewd observations regarding Anglo-American relations. "America," he says, "is big. For a proper understanding, we Englishmen should incessantly repeat that to ourselves. When we wonder what Americans are thinking about us, how they like somebody's speech and so on, we should understand that they are not thinking about us at all. For the bulk of them it is as if we did not exist. To dwellers in the Middle West we and London are 4,500 or 5,000 miles away—too far off for even the imagination to worry about. They care little, we are told, even for their own Eastern coast as a topic of conversation, although it is only 1,500 miles from them. In their fully occupied thoughts New York, with its fiery excitements, its cosmopolitan clamour, and myriad feverish activities is an almost fabulous city; Boston, the dignified home of culture and tradition, noble Philadelphia, the place of light and leading, Philadelphia, the proud and the ambitious, are little more than empty names. Why should they bother themselves about that other town of their dim ancestors, London by the dingy little Thames?"

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SPRING! TRA-LA-LA.

Spring glorious Spring, tra-la-lal
When the birdies begin to sing,
tra-la-lal
And the...
Ah! we draw in deep breaths, Spring is in the air. Everything is bright and rosy this morning; there is a fluttering of hearts, a warbling of birds and a nymph-like tread to our step. Ah! this weather is good for the bones. Listen to the dear little birdies twittering their soothing song. The canary in its gilded prison cares not for iron bars, but warbles sweetly as it pevers warbled before. Even the unemotional hawk gets the feeling and adds a sentimental grace note to his cry. Did you see the gloom disappear as if by magic from the frowning visages of our sportsmen when they saw the sun peep out this morning? They have had two wet week-ends and prospects of another were exceedingly good in the early hours. Spring in here, tra-la-lal!
The Editor coldly points out that according to the best calendars, Spring is not due until March. But that wicked gleam he has had in his eye every rainy morning this week has gone. It is a good sign.
Spring or not, it makes one sing tra-la-lal
N.B.—At the time of going to press we were still optimistic.

To-day's Poem.

(Cupid's Birth.)
God took a little bit of light,
A little bit of love,
A soldier's heart that joys to fight,
A serpent and a dove,
He put them in a lily-cup,
They mixed them all with dew,
And when the morning sun rose up
Naughty Cupid grew.
—HELEN DOUGLAS ADAM.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

FEBRUARY 1.
1823. I wish to hear from you again, as you mention Lady Louisa's having a cold, which the weather is peculiarly calculated to produce and lengthen. My housemaid having one, I sent for an apothecary, and he told me the day was not long enough for the number of patients this they had given him. — Lady Louisa Stuart.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

February 1.—Coronet Theatre; "Thorns and Orange Blossoms."
February 1.—Star Theatre; "The Pilgrim."
February 1.—World Theatre; "The Sting of the Lash."
February 18.—Pianoforte Recital at City Hall, 5.30 p.m.

SOCIAL.
February 4.—Concert in St. Andrew's Hall, Kowloon, 9 p.m.
February 4.—Chinese New Year's Eve Dance at Repulse Bay Hotel.

February 23.—Royal Air Force Re-union Dinner.
March 1.—St. David's Society Dinner.

LAND SALE.
February 4.—At P.W.D. Offices, one lot of Crown land at Shaikwan, 3 p.m.

COMPANY MEETING.
February 2.—Fifth ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders of the Bank of East Asia, Ltd., at the registered office of the Company, No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, 3 p.m.

OTHER MEETING.
February 4.—General Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club in the Hongkong Club Annex, 5 p.m.

February 11.—Annual General Meeting, Kowloon Residents' Association, St. Andrew's Church Hall, 6 p.m.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Lighting up time to-day is at 6.11 p.m.

T.T. exchange on London is 2/3 1/2 on Shanghai 70 1/2.

Thirteen fresh cases of small-pox were notified yesterday.

A Reuter cable from Tokyo announces that the Diet has been dissolved.

The Exchange Banks close on Tuesday and Wednesday next week.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending January 19, amounted to 97,211 tons and the sales during the period to 99,066 tons.

Messrs. Thomson and Co., Chartered accountants, announce that they have this day opened an Office at 4A, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hongkong. Telephone No. Central 4616.

A special notice in this issue announces a Chinese New Year's Eve dance at the Repulse Bay Hotel on Monday, February 4. Tables may now be booked at the Hongkong or Repulse Bay Hotels.

The China Mail has received with thanks from the Portuguese magazine "Religio e Patria" a beautiful Almanac for 1924 which is being distributed to the subscribers to the same magazine as a gift in memory of its approaching anniversary in May next. It contains many interesting articles including one from His Lordship the Bishop of Macao and the other from the Portuguese Consul General in Hongkong, Senhor Cerveira de Albuquerque e Castro.

A mandate was issued last evening, says a Peking cable to the Daily Bulletin, dated January 31, appointing Lu Yung tsing Shui Tull of Kwangsi, and Lin Chun-tung Tupan of frontier affairs at Chinchow and Lienchow in Kwangsi, the latter having expressed his willingness to vacate his post of Tull of Kwangsi in favour of his former chief. It is reported on good authority that, in order to overcome the war menace in Chekiang and Fokien, Sun Chuan-fang will be given the post of Tull of Kwangsi, while Tsai Cheng-hsun will be given a post at Peking.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

GUESTS AT LAST NIGHT'S DANCE.

About 600 guests were invited to the dance which His Excellency the Governor and Lady Stubbs gave at Government House last night. His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief's Royal Marine Band, from H.M.S. "Hawkins," played during the evening.

The following is a list of the guests:—
Miss Addis, Miss R. Addis, Lieut. Charles Addis, Lieut. H. E. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. T. Arthur, Dr. Dalnaboy Allan, Surg.-Comm. G. P. Adhahend, Inst.-Lieut. C. E. Abelson, Capt. A. Alington, Sub-Lieut. P. Agnew.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. M. Bernard, Mr. and Mrs. Dyer Ball, Mr. and Mrs. D. Burlingham, Capt. and Mrs. C. G. Brodie, Miss Buttorworth, Sir W. and Lady Brunyate, Comm. C. E. Brooke, Mrs. Buchan, Mr. D. G. Bruce, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Brown, Captain C. J. P. Bensley, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bell, Captain E. Brockman, Comm. L. H. B. Bovan, Mr. R. E. O. Bird, Midn. H. Brown, Lieut. P. Scott Bell, Lieut. V. R. V. Bowdley, Mr. L. R. Blacking, Mr. C. H. Blason, Mr. T. C. T. Beck, Miss Barton, Mr. C. H. Bell, Lieut. R. R. Beauchamp, Mrs. C. Blaker, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Benson, Lieut.-Comm. H. P. Besant.

Hon. Sir Paul and Lady Chater, Hon. Mr. Harold T. Cressy, Mr. Percy Cox, Miss Cubitt, Major R. C. Campbell, Miss Helena Calvert, Capt. and Mrs. Chippingdall, Miss Cryle, Capt. and Mrs. Collison, and Miss Collison, Lieut. Cresswell, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Chubb, Sub-Lieut. E. W. Colegrave, Mr. A. K. Cobb, Comm. Stefano Carraro.

His Honour Sir William and Lady Rees Davies, Capt. and Mrs. G. C. Dickens, Miss E. M. Dawson, Miss de D. Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. Darby, and Miss Darby, Lieut. T. H. Dickson, Lieut. and Mrs. C. E. Dodd, Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Dunbar, Mr. and Mrs. Drollette, Mr. and Mrs. J. Dunach, Lieut.-Col. R. H. Darwell, Lieut. C. H. Drage, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Edkins.

Lieut. I. Farrant, H.E. Major-General Sir John and Lady Fowler, Mrs. Fraser, Lt. E. C. Frederick, Mr. D. FitzGerald, Midn. E. B. Ford.

Comm.-and Mrs. Edgar Grace, Miss Grace, The Misses Grace, His Honour Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Gompertz, Mr. A. C. Groves, Miss Georgegun, Mr. and Mrs. V. Holt Gale, Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Grayburn, and Miss Higgs Grayburn, Lieut.-Comm. and Mrs. Green, Mr. and Mrs. U. C. Gulluzzi.

Hon. Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Holyoak, Miss Joyce and Miss Dorothy Holyoak, Captain G. Hopwood, Captain and Mrs. R. Hamilton, Lieut. H. L. C. Hall, Miss Phyllis Higgs, Captain E. S. Hey, Lieut.-Comm. Conway Hake, Major E. S. Halford, Mr. and Mrs. H. Humphreys, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hollands, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Heskett, Surg.-Lieut. A. H. Hartine, Lieut.-Comm. F. E. S. Hutton, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hogarty, Major and Mrs. F. G. Hyland, Eng.-Lieut. L. Hodge, Lieut. C. I. Horton, Surg.-Comm. W. L. Hawkins.

Hon. Mr. E. Irving, The Misses Irving.

Miss O. C. Jenkins, Miss Jordan, Mr. E. L. Judd.

Hon. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kemp, Miss Kennedy, Mr. L. H. King, Surg.-Comm. J. D. Keir, Miss Kison, Comm. H. E. Kimmel, U.S.N., Capt. Kieren, U.S.N., and Mrs. Kieron.

H.E. Admiral Sir Arthur and Lady Leveson, Miss J. Leveson, The Misses Mary and Pamela Leveson, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Lowe, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Lamb, Lieut. Lamb, U.S.N., and Mrs. S. G. Lamb, Mr. L. M. S. Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Lucy, Lieut.-Comm. H. C. Legge, Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Midn. Hedworth Lambton, Midn. E. K. Le Mesurier.

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LAST YEAR'S WORK.

MANY URGENT PROBLEMS TACKLED.

The useful work done for the mainland community by the Kowloon Residents' Association last year, is clearly manifest from the Committee's annual report.

In presenting its report the Committee feels it can justly lay claim to a successful year of useful endeavour on behalf of Kowloon residents. Association's membership at the beginning of the year stood at 242 and closed at 233, of whom 63 joined during the year. The accounts show a cash balance in hand at the close of the year of \$24.84.

The following *precis* summarises the work for the year, the full correspondence on each subject being given in the appendices to the report:

Housing.

It is not possible to publish the correspondence which has passed between the Association and residents regarding housing and house rents. The Association, in conjunction with the Constitutional Reform Association, held a public meeting in the City Hall in March last, when problems in connection with the housing shortage were very fully discussed. At this meeting a Commission of Enquiry was demanded, the Rents Restriction Ordinance strongly supported and the transfer of the military establishments pressed. Shortly afterwards the Government appointed a Housing Commission one of the members of which was Mr. W. S. Bailey, a member of the Committee. During the course of the Commission's enquiries the Committee submitted data and recommendations, and on several occasions were invited to consult with the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., the Chairman of the Commission, more particularly on the subject of a European Reservation for Kowloon residents.

The New Hospital.

During the year the Government consulted the Association regarding the proposed siting of the new Kowloon Hospital by Sisters of the Maryknoll Mission. Towards the close of the year a further strong letter of complaint was addressed to the Government regarding the delay in the work of construction, in reply to which the Government promised to have the buildings ready for occupation by March, 1925.

Traffic Congestion.

Regarding the serious traffic congestion outside the Star Ferry wharf in the early part of the year, the Association appointed a Sub-Committee for the purpose of devising means to improve the traffic arrangements at this point. A Sub-Committee drew up a full and comprehensive report which, with a plan, was forwarded to the Government, which thereupon took steps to carry out the recommendations set forth therein. At a later date, and on request, the Sub-Committee met the Captain Superintendent of Police and officers of his department to discuss further improvements. As a result of this meeting a Minute, approved by the Association and containing additional recommendations, was submitted to the Government by the C.S.P.

Kowloon Police.

Serious crime in the heart of the Association area in July led the Association to approach the Government and urge the necessity of better protection by increasing the police strength. Several letters subsequently passed between the Government and the Association, the last letter from the Government promising an increase of the police forces in Kowloon in December.

Crowded Ferries.

In March last, owing to the serious congestion during the "rush" hours on the "Star Ferry" service, letters were addressed to the Government and later to the Star Ferry Company. As the result of this correspondence, an accelerated service has been put into operation during the busy hours, thus resulting in a mitigation of the congestion complained of.

Postal Facilities.

As a result of interviews and correspondence with the Postmaster General, Kowloon now enjoys increased postal facilities. Additional pillar boxes have been erected throughout the Peninsula and further improvements are under consideration. It is to be regretted, however, that it was found impossible to induce shopkeepers to undertake the sale of postage stamps. The Committee wishes to place on record its sense of the Colony's great loss sustained by the death of the late Mr. S. B. O. Ross, who so readily and effectively worked with the Sub-Committee to obtain increased postal facilities for Kowloon.

Postmaster-General.

General Post Office,
Hongkong.
January 31st, 1924.

Bathing Facilities.

Following on representations made during the previous summer and a reminder to the Government, Kowloon residents were given bathing facilities at Hung Hom, a bamboo pier and dressing rooms being supplied.

Children's Playground.

At the request of the Association, the Government erected temporary additional shelter in the Children's Playground, Chatham Road, which was much used and appreciated during the summer. Owing to typhoons this shelter was twice blown down, but was promptly re-erected by the Government. The provision of sand beds was also requested by the Association but, on hygienic grounds, were refused. The Playground Sub-Committee, under the able Chairmanship of Mr. R. Packham, exercised careful watch over the condition and amenities of the playground during the year. In this connection the Committee desires to thank the Public Works Department for their willing co-operation.

Typhoon Signals.

Owing to the great inconvenience caused to Kowloon residents through having to go to the ferry pier during typhoon weather before they are able to ascertain whether the ferry services are running or not, the Association made a recommendation to the Government that some special distinguishing signal might be hoisted at various points on the Peninsula. The Government has promised that when certain alterations have been made in the mast at the Royal Observatory the display of the suggested signal will be considered.

Street Lighting.

During the year the Committee has been in communication with the Government regarding inadequate street lighting, and as a result of these representations the then existing lighting was improved and 246 additional street lamps installed.

Funeral Notices.

Residents of Ho Man-in having complained of noises arising from Chinese funeral processions, the Association addressed an enquiry to the Captain Superintendent of Police regarding possible abatement. In his reply the C.S.P., after characterising the noises as an intolerable nuisance, stated that they were permitted by law and that he had no power to interfere.

Street Nuisance.

Numerous complaints having been received with regard to the committing of nuisances in the neighbourhood of Kimberley Road, the facts were reported to the Police authorities and, after some correspondence, the Association was informed that the matter was being referred to the Sanitary Department with a request for the provision of a public latrine.

Refuse Dumping.

The attention of the Government was drawn to the practice of Chinese dumping house refuse in Yau-mai. The Captain Superintendent of Police took steps to prevent a repetition of this nuisance and several offenders were charged and punished.

Road Improvements.

With the view to hastening the removal of the hill and the straightening of the road at the junction of Coronation and Nathan Roads, the Committee addressed the Government on the urgent need of the improvement. Tenders for the removal of the hill have now been invited and it is hoped that, before long the dangerous curve at this spot will be abolished. The bad condition of the surface of Gascoigne Road, following the typhoons and heavy rains, was also brought to the notice of the Government. The re-surfacing of the road and the suspension of lights across the roadway (in place of the old standard lights) have since been carried out.

General.

In addition to the above the Association has interested itself in many other matters, among which are the following:—Distinguishing route signs on motor buses, scavenging, suggested Fair Rents' Board, weather protection for policemen on point duty and the water supply.

During the past year Mr. B. Wylie has continued to represent the Association on the Education Board.

Mr. T. A. Martin, who was appointed Honorary Secretary at the last annual general meeting, resigned on proceeding to Hong Kong, and was succeeded by Mr. C. M. McDonald, who, however, also resigned, ceasing to be a Kowloon resident. Since August the Secretaryship has been filled by Mr. D. J. Purves.

Mr. J. M. Castro de Basto, and Mr. J. J. Nicholls resigned from the Committee during the year, and Mr. A. Morley was invited to join the Committee, on returning from leave.

Sub-Committee Members.
The following have served on the Sub-Committee:—
Messrs. D. A. Purves, Mr. B. Wylie and the Hon. Secretaries.
Public Meeting Sub-Committee.
Messrs. D. A. Purves, B. Wylie, W. S. Bailey, O. B. Raven, F. P. de V. Soares and T. A. Martin.

LIMERICKS.

There was an old man of Black-Booth,
Who sat down on his set of false teeth,
He exclaimed with a start,
"Why bless my old heart,
I've bitten myself from beneath!"

There was a young lady of Kighley,
Whose principal charm in her teeth lay,
When that "charm" fell out,
She cried with a shout,
"Oh! I ain't 'thith perfectly beathly!"

There was an old woman of Weedle,
Who sat down in church on a needle,
Though deeply embedded,
"Twas happily threaded,
And pulled out at 'once—by the beadle!"

There was a young woman of Cluer,
Who rode on a bike and it threw her,
But the butcher went by,
And said "Madam don't cry,
As he fastened her on with a skewer."

There was a young curate of Bracon,
Whose nose was as red as a beacon,
But he could catch night
"It is perfectly white."
He cured it—and died an arch-deacon.

There was an old man of Japan,
Whose Limericks never would scan;
When folk said that the thing
Didn't go with a swing,
He said: "Yes, but then you see I always like to get as many words into that last line as I can."

Said Penelope: "Dearest Odysseus,
Now that you are home I must kiss you!"
But the Ithacan wily
Said (aside rather dully)
"Oh Circe, my dear, how I miss you!"

Hongkong, January 23. S. O. S.

THE MOTE AND THE BEAM.

It is the merest insolence of selfishness to preach contentment to a labourer who gets thirty shillings a week, while we suppose an active and plotting covetousness to be meritorious in a man who has three thousand a year. In this, as in all other points of mental discipline, it is the duty of the upper classes to set an example to the lower, and to recommend and justify the restraint of the ambition of their inferiors, chiefly by severe and timely chastisement of their own.—RUSKIN.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Reuter cables from Amsterdam news that the banker Henry Texeira de Mattos has died.

A Reuter cable from London announces the death of the Duc de Montpensier, at Clermont Ferrands.

According to a Tokyo message to the Daily Bulletin, Major Pigott, Military Attaché, was specially received in audience by the Prince Regent and the Crown Princess yesterday afternoon, when their Royal Highnesses expressed their appreciation of the greetings and congratulations of the British Army Council.

Bathing Beach Sub-Committee. Messrs. R. Packham, O. B. Raven and F. E. d'A Remedios.

Postal Facilities Sub-Committee. Messrs. W. J. Stokes, F. P. de V. Soares and F. L. Cooke.

Traffic Sub-Committee. Messrs. W. J. Stokes, B. Wylie and R. Packham.

Hospital Sub-Committee. Messrs. B. Wylie, R. Packham and O. B. Raven.

Playground Sub-Committee. Messrs. R. Packham, J. E. Anderson and W. J. Stokes.

Thanks.
In conclusion the Committee desires to thank the various Hon. Secretaries for their valuable service; the retired members of the Committee; the St. Andrew's Church Vestry for so kindly granting the free use of the Church Hall for meetings; the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., for his services in connection with the Budget debate in the Legislative Council and the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Captain Superintendent of Police and other Government Officials for their ready co-operation during the year.

Hon. Treasurer's Report.
The financial year commenced with a credit balance of \$158.99 and the income during the year amounted to \$236.00, while expenditure was \$370.15, so that we close with a credit balance of \$24.84.

Among the larger items of expenditure were the following:—Advertising, \$193.84; outstanding accounts, \$81.05; stationery, \$76.05; which \$35.00 was paid for a wall map of the Peninsula.

The period under review closed with 233 members who had paid their subscriptions, of whom 63 joined during the year.

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EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE.

A SATISFACTORY FIRST YEAR.

At the first annual prize distribution to successful students of the Educational Institute last night at the Chinese Y.M.C.A., the Headmaster (Mr. K. C. Young B.Sc.) said the school was established in April 1923 for the specific purpose of preparing students for local examinations. Owing to the sufficient senior students, they started with only one class, in September, however, a preparatory class was inaugurated and the two classes run simultaneously to the end of the school year. The total number of students enrolled during the year was 39, and the average daily attendance for the two classes was 17.3. This number they did not consider discouraging in view of the short existence of the Institute.

The discipline of the school was good, continued Mr. Young. In certain branches of the work they attained a standard higher than what was required for a pass.

As a result, some of their students obtained distinctions in several subjects. At the Junior Local examination held in November, eight students entered, and six passed, two of them obtaining distinctions. The results were very satisfactory.

After the presentation of prizes by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, Mr. Forrest said though it was impossible to judge the ultimate value of the Institute in view of its short existence, he felt sure that, under the guidance of Mr. Young, who was ably assisted by Mr. Pun, it would prove an asset to education in the Colony.

According to a Peking cable to the Daily Bulletin, General Chang Shou-teng arrived at Peking yesterday morning on the invitation of the President to take up the post of Director of Unification.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail.)

GREECE.

ATHENS, January 31. M. Venizelos' resignation of the Premiership almost immediately, owing to ill-health, is considered certain. There is great uncertainty as to what political development will ensue.

LONDON, January 30. According to information from a Greek source in London, M. Venizelos is suffering from nerves, due to over strain. He will only temporarily relinquish the Premiership while resting.

INDIA.

DELHI, January 30. Opening the Legislative Assembly, the Viceroy, in a powerful speech said that the Government would continue to try and persuade the Government of the Union of South Africa to incline to the Indians' view.

He strongly denied the allegations that the British and the Afghan Government were at loggerheads, and warmly acknowledged the action of His Majesty's Government in giving India a full opportunity to express further views on the Kenya situation. He declared that the Government was determined to suppress outrages and conspiracies in Bengal. He said he was finally examining the case of each individual now gaoled.

Alluding to the reforms, the Viceroy declined to discuss certain matters until he had discussed them with the Secretary of State and the British Government, but he said that after profound study and reflection he was anxious about the future of reforms.

He solemnly warned the Assembly that there was a possibility of a check to their progress. No constitutional change could be effected without the consent of the British Parliament and people, and he concluded by praying that calm judgment and goodwill would characterise the session.

CANADA.

OTTAWA, January 31. It is understood that General Sir Arthur Currie will be offered the position as first Canadian Minister Plenipotentiary to Washington.

[General Currie commanded the Canadian Corps in France in the War and since 1920 has been the Principal of McGill University, Montreal.]

WASHINGTON, January 30. The report that Sir Arthur Currie has been offered the appointment as Canadian Plenipotentiary to Washington, is construed to mean that the oft reported project of Canada for direct diplomatic contact with Washington is in process of being carried out.

The appointment will not mean the establishment of an independent Canadian mission, but merely a transfer by the British Embassy of jurisdiction over diplomatic matters affecting Canada and the United States.

The Canadian official, for purposes of negotiation with the State Department, would speak for the British Sovereign.

The change will be important for Canadians, as communications would pass directly between the Embassy and the Government at Ottawa instead of via the Foreign Office in London.

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MEN IN TO-DAY'S CABLE NEWS.



America's Former Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Albert B. Fall, according to latest reports, is said to have prospered materially immediately after he negotiated the lease for the Teapot Dome naval oil reserve. This allegation was made during the Senate Committee investigations.



Gabriele D'Annunzio, the famous Italian poet, whose name comes before the world again with the signing of the treaty ceding to Italy the port of Fiume which he seized after it had been declared a free port under the League of Nations.



President Obregon, of Mexico, in speaking of the rebel uprising in Vera Cruz, states that the country will be pacified and the rebellion put down with an iron hand. Further than this he refuses to commit himself. The Federal troops are marching to meet their adversaries, but all is not such a simple matter, for they find their opponents well armed and ready to stand and fight.



Adolfo de la Huerta, former Secretary of the Mexican Treasury and now chief of the movement against Obregon and General Calles, has issued a manifesto alleging outrages against the laws and the Constitution of the country, and these, as well as other motives of reform have forced him to take the field against the two. The Huerta and Obregon forces are fighting in various sections of the country, the rebels winning in many towns.

ST. PAUL'S INSTITUTION. SIR WILLIAM BRUNYATE ON HIGHER EDUCATION.

Speaking at the annual prize distribution at St. Paul's Institution, Causeway Bay last night, Sir William Brunyate said it was the custom for whoever attended this function, to address some general remarks about education. He gathered from some of the local newspapers that everyone did not have confidence in the Board of Education. Sir William had, and he did not intend to criticise their work. The Board understood the children and the education of them. Referring to the work of the School, Sir William went on to say that he trusted that Sister Beatrice and her very capable assistants would succeed in preparing as many girls as possible for higher education at the University. Whether girls should come to us [the University] was a wide question. Whilst he did not altogether believe in girls going in for a hard education, there was nevertheless plenty of room for educated women in this Colony, in China, and in the world at large. Because a woman was educated, it did not follow that she was any less attractive or lacked any of the charming qualities peculiar to women. It was now the custom to greet the educated woman as a normal being and not as a pioneer. She was just as attractive as was her grandmother. Women, at home, were taking a larger share in the activities of life, and they should prepare for a wider range of interest in this Colony. There were many problems which women were more fitted to tackle, whilst there were other problems with which women alone could grapple. (Applause.)

Lady Brunyate then presented University certificates to—Matriculation—Parrin Rottolise. Seniors—Errola Remedios, Mary, Paul, Rosie Xavier, Jean

Foulds, Jean O'Hoy, Betty Steel, Francis Heyshing, and Beatrice Hardwick.

Juniors—Mamie Wallace (Dist. in English), Jenny Whyte, Betty Laing, Agnes Tse, Lucy Tse, Emily Landolt, Agnes Pau, and Helen To.

The Lugard Scholarship for 1924—May O'Hoy.

Special Test Prize—Matilda Sloan.

The annual report read by Father Valterra stated: The highest number on the rolls in the years 1922 and 1923 respectively was 212 and 242. These figures show a very fair increase in the numbers, and I am glad to say that in 1923 there has been a notable improvement in the daily average attendance especially in the lower classes. In accordance with the desire of the Inspector of English Schools, a new teacher was engaged in January, 1923, for the Chinese Preparatory Class. This class which is taught separately then counted from 15 to 20 pupils. The actual number at present is 40. This increase shows the great desire of the Chinese girls to study the English language.

At the University local examinations, 18 girls were presented and the total number of passes was 17. In my Report last year, I mentioned that we had hoped that the University would soon be able to count among its women students some pupils from the French Convent. These hopes are being realised, as there are now two students from the French Convent who have entered the University, one for the Faculty of Medicine and the other for the Faculty of Arts, and I trust that there are others on the way.

The annual inspection of the school took place in the month of October and the report of Mr. E. Ralph, Inspector of English Schools, was highly satisfactory. The Report thanked Sir William and Lady Brunyate who are leaving the Colony very soon, for the kind interest they had shown in the school.

COMMERCE.

RUBBER EXPORT DUTY.

EXPORTABLE PERCENTAGE.

LONDON, January 31. It is officially announced that the percentage of standard of production rubber exportable on the minimum duty from Ceylon the Straits Settlements and Malaya for the quarter beginning February 1 remains at 60 per cent.

COTTON.

GLOOMY OUTLOOK.

LONDON, January 30.—A gloomy outlook regarding the cotton situation is taken by Mr. Revere, a member of the New York Cotton Exchange. Writing to the *Manchester Guardian* he says that the American crop will barely reach 10,000 bales and points out that Europe, Japan and China are showing a realisation of the approaching stringency by reducing their demands, but such half-hearted measures are insufficient. Consumption must be relentlessly cut unless an end of the season price explosion is to develop.—*Reuter*.

CHINESE TRADEMARK LAW.

NORTHERN MERCHANTS DISMAYED.

Dismay was caused among foreign business firms by the telegram from Peking sent by the Eastern News Agency to the effect that the Diplomatic Body are preparing to accept the new Chinese Trademarks Bill with certain modifications, says the *N. C. Daily News*. The telegram was as follows:—

PEKING, January 25.

With regard to the China Trade Marks Bill, the Diplomatic Corps held a meeting to-day, as a result of which a final definite draft was formulated. It has been decided that the draft shall be forwarded to the Chinese Government at no distant date.

It appears that in formulating the above draft, the Diplomatic Corps has, on the whole, agreed to the proposal of the Chinese Government, adding thereto certain modifications or wishes of the Diplomatic Corps.—*Eastern News Agency*.

It may be that the E.N.A. is not correctly informed. On the other hand, the report accords so closely with others on this subject that the British and other Chambers of Commerce have been receiving, that there is much anxiety. For unless the modifications mentioned are of a strong nature grave injury may result to foreign business.

It is of course well-known to all our readers that the want of protection given to foreign trademarks in China has been a cause of complaint for many years. This grievance is entered for in the Mackay Treaty, Article 7 of which says that the Chinese Government shall establish a bureau for the registration of trademarks and that that bureau shall be under the control of the Customs.

Like other items in the Mackay Treaty, this agreement is perfectly clear and unequivocal and should specially be borne in mind now.

About six months ago Peking produced a Trademark Bill, under which a bureau for registration of trademarks was to be established. It was to be entirely under Chinese management and any appeal from trademark judges; secondly, to the Board of Agriculture; thirdly to the Administrative Court. At every step, therefore, any question involving a foreign trademark would be subject exclusively to Chinese decision.

Now the value of trademarks is quite beyond computation. It certainly amounts to many millions of taels. The possibilities of abuse, of corruption and dishonesty in the registration bureau cannot unfortunately be excluded as China is to-day in the matter of property no valuable.

Furthermore, the Trademark Bill is in flat contradiction of the Mackay Treaty as shown above. Urgent representations have, therefore, been sent to the Diplomatic Body in Peking not to accept the Bill. Inquiries in the market have been intensified lately by a case of infringement of a British trademark at Harbin, when the infringement was admitted, but the case dismissed because the

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CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underinsured on or before the 13th prox. or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 2nd prox. at 10 a.m. by our surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

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All broken, chafed and damaged cargo will be examined by Messrs. Anderson & Ashe (Marine Surveyors) at the godowns on 31st January, 1924 at 10 a.m.

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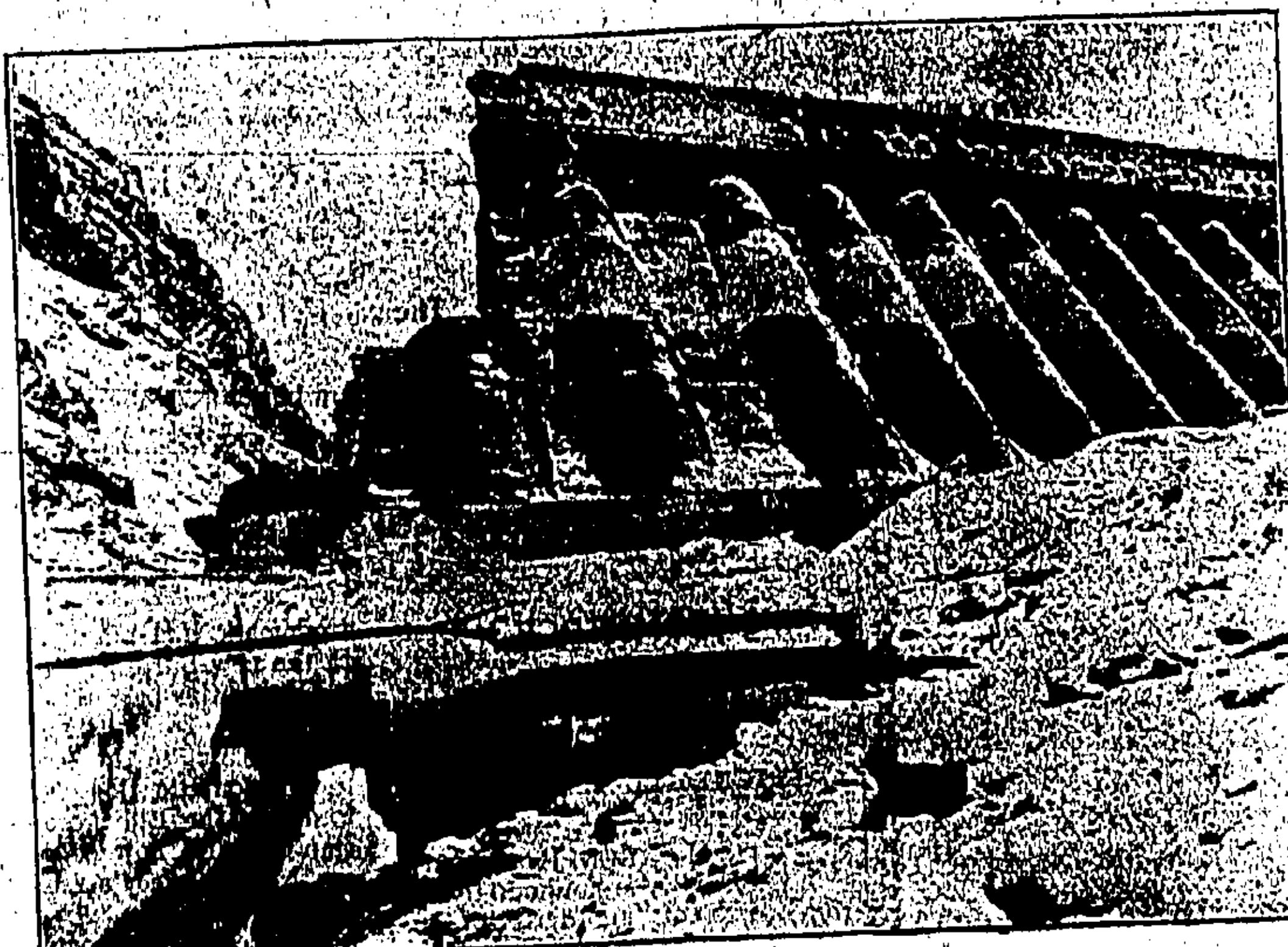


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A striking photograph of the scene above the Sealvo Valley, Northern Italy, where the dam was broken through; as seen from the inside of the Lake. Three villages were destroyed and 500 people lost their lives in the disaster.



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The Latin play annually performed by the the King's Scholars at Westminster School was this year the Adelphi, of Terence.

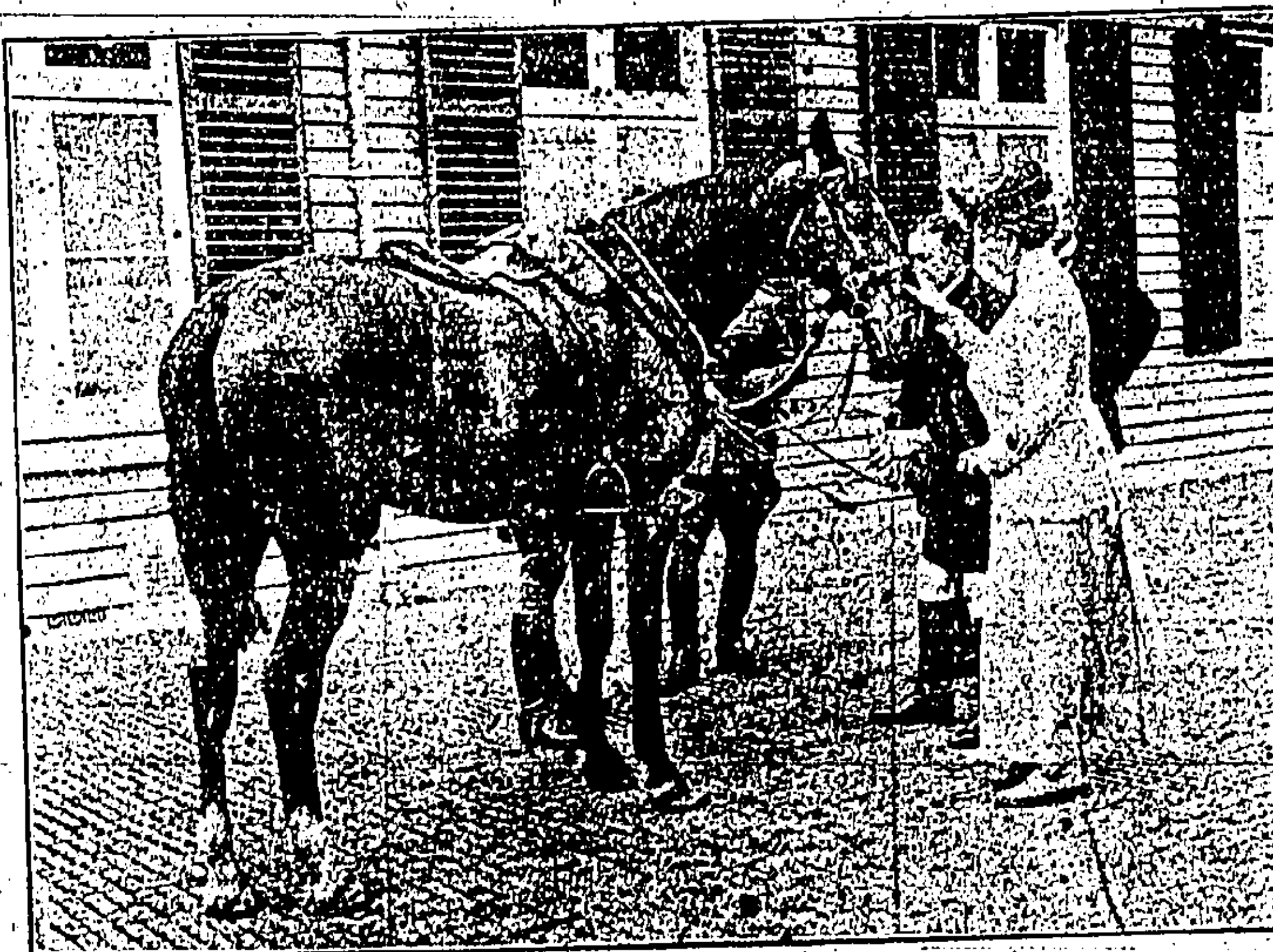


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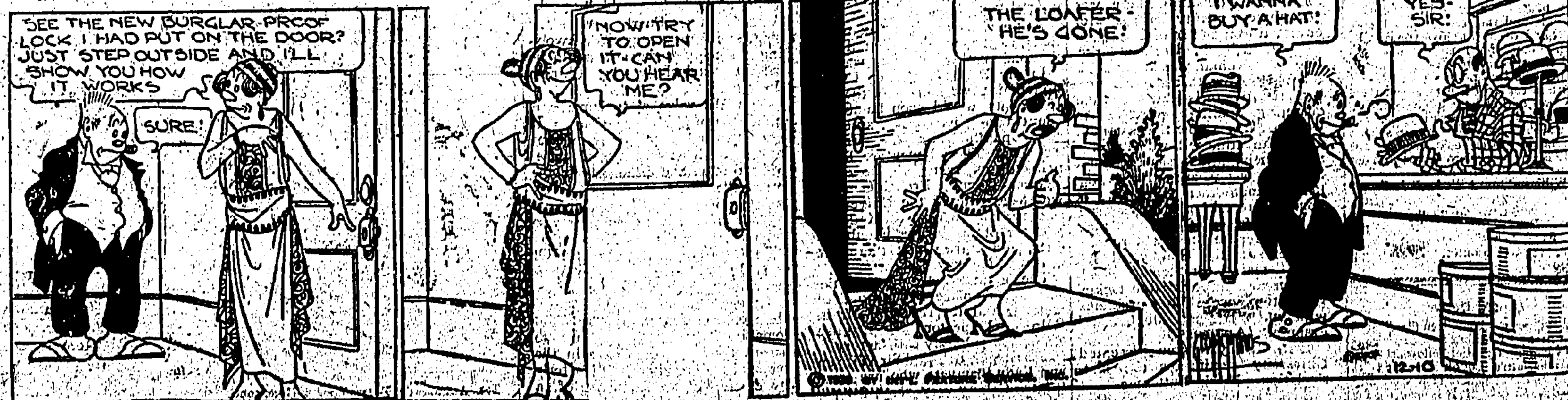
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The B.L.S. "Benbow" from Middlebury, New York and London left Singapore for this port on Jan. 23 and is expected to arrive here on Feb. 10.

The N.Y.K. "Hakura Maru" (European Passenger Line) left Singapore for Hongkong on Jan. 29 and is expected here on Feb. 3.

The U. & A. "Eastern" left Manila for this port on Jan. 31 at 4 p.m. with the outward Australian mails, and is due here on Feb. 3 at about 11 a.m.

The B.F. "Dundee" from Liverpool left Singapore on Jan. 30 for this port and is due here on Feb. 4.

The B.L. "Pekin" left Singapore for this port on Jan. 31 at 4 p.m. with the outward Australian mails, and is due here on Feb. 3 at about 11 a.m.

The D.S.L. "Pres. Harrison" which is due at Hongkong on Feb. 4 arrived at Shanghai on Jan. 29 on the "Shanghai" route via Manila, Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Port Said, Alexandria, Naples and Genoa on Feb. 5.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Australia" arrived at Yokohama on Jan. 29 at 3 p.m. left Yokohama on Jan. 30 at 10 a.m. and is due at Hongkong on Feb. 6 at 2 p.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" left A. J. Hosken, at N.A. Commander, will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C. via Shanghai (Vancouver), Nankai, Kobe and Yokohama at noon on Feb. 7.

The N.Y.K. "Akita Maru" (Cable Line) left Kobe for Hongkong via Manila on Jan. 30 and is expected here on Feb. 7.

The B.F. "Atrous" left Liverpool on Jan. 6 for Hongkong, Shanghai and Japan and is due here on or about Feb. 9.

The A.O.L. "West Henshaw" which is due at Hongkong on Feb. 13 arrived Yokohama on Jan. 28.

The A.O.L. "Pres. Jackson" will sail from this port for day at 5 p.m. and is due at Manila on Feb. 3 at 5 p.m. She returns from that port at 5 p.m. Feb. 8 arriving here at 7 a.m. on Feb. 8 and will sail for Victoria and Seattle via Shanghai and Japan at 10 a.m. Feb. 10.

The A.L. "Bakerfield" is due at Poonchong on or about Feb. 5 and may be expected in Hongkong on Feb. 11.

The N.Y.K. "Kikano Maru" (European Line) left London for Hongkong via Suez on Jan. 19 and is expected here on Feb. 12.

The B.F. "Teiresias" left Liverpool on Jan. 12 for Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai and Tientsin and is due here on or about Feb. 18.

The B.F. "Marion" left Liverpool on Jan. 19 for Hongkong, Shanghai and Japan and is due here on or about Feb. 20.

The A.O.L. "Pres. Jefferson" which is due at Hongkong on Feb. 20 sailed from Seattle on Jan. 21 on schedule.

The N.Y.K. "Hakura Maru" (European Line) left Singapore for Hongkong via Suez on Jan. 19 and is expected here on Feb. 12.

The P.F. "Nileus" left Liverpool on Jan. 26 for Singapore, Hongkong and Shanghai and is due here on or about Feb. 2.

The B.F. "Astyanax" left Liverpool on Jan. 27 for Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai and Japan and is due here on or about Feb. 2.

The Solomon Islands.

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FROM BANGKOK.

Feb. 2.-J.O.L. "Sight" 10 a.m.

FROM MANILA.

Feb. 20.-U.S.S.B. "West Cajoct" 10 a.m.

FROM JAPAN.

Feb. 29.-J.O.L. "Tiananmen" 10 a.m.

FROM SAIGON, SPORE & MANILLA.

Feb. 2.-U.S.S.B. "West Montop" 10 a.m.

FROM CALCUTTA.

Feb. 12.-J.O.L. "Tiananmen" 10 a.m.

FROM SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

Feb. 12.-J.O.L. "Tiananmen" 10 a.m.

FROM SEATTLE, VANCOUVER & ETC.

Feb. 7.-O.P.S. "Empress of Asia" 10 a.m.

FROM NEW YORK & BOSTON.

Mar. 31.-P.L. "Marshall Prince" 10 a.m.

FROM EUROPEAN PORTS.

Feb. 2.-N.Y.K. "Hakura Maru" 10 a.m.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO & LOS ANGELES.

Feb. 13.-U.S.S.B. "West Cajoct" 10 a.m.

FROM MARSEILLES.

Feb. 10.-M. "Chili" 10 a.m.

FROM LONDON.

Feb. 3.-P. & O. "Nileus" 10 a.m.

FROM HAMBURG.

Feb. 13.-H.A.L. "Hamburg" 10 a.m.

FROM COPENHAGEN.

Feb. 4.-E. A. "Kina" 10 a.m.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

Cargo arrived per a.s. "City of Glasgow" not cleared to-day will be subject to rent. Agents.—The Bank Line Ltd.

Cargo arrived per a.s. "Anna" not cleared by February 3, will be subject to rent. Agents.—Doddwell & Co. Ltd.

Cargo arrived per a.s. "Munsterland" not cleared by February 7, will be subject to rent. Agents.—Arnold & Co. Ltd.

HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Teui during the years 1908-9.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet inches below mean sea-level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 6 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet inches to the heights given in the table.

January 25 to 31, 1924.

Hour	Standard Time	Height	Low Water
1	12.15	1.3	1.3
2	1.15	1.3	1.3
3	2.15	1.3	1.3
4	3.15	1.3	1.3
5	4.15	1.3	1.3
6	5.15	1.3	1.3
7	6.15	1.3	1.3
8	7.15	1.3	1.3
9	8.15	1.3	1.3
10	9.15	1.3	1.3
11	10.15	1.3	1.3
12	11.15	1.3	1.3
13	12.15	1.3	1.3
14	1.15	1.3	1.3
15	2.15	1.3	1.3
16	3.15	1.3	1.3
17	4.15	1.3	1.3
18	5.15	1.3	1.3
19	6.15	1.3	1.3
20	7.15	1.3	1.3
21	8.15	1.3	1.3
22	9.15	1.3	1.3
23	10.15	1.3	1.3
24	11.15	1.3	1.3
25	12.15	1.3	1.3
26	1.15	1.3	1.3
27	2.15	1.3	1.3
28	3.15	1.3	1.3
29	4.15	1.3	1.3
30	5.15	1.3	1.3
31	6.15	1.3	1.3

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 1, 1924.

On London—

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Credit 60 days sight—... 1/3-12

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ARRIVALS.

St. Albans, (M. M. & Co.) from
Mojito—A1.
Hopsang, (J. M. & Co.) from
Bangkok, Swatow—C37.
Cochinchina, (Kal. Yu.) from
Haiphong—B33.
Hanoi, (M. M. Cie) from Fort
Bayard—C18.
Glensdale, (Glen. Line) from
Singapore—Kowloon Wharf.
Rafuku Maru, (N. Y. K.) from
Singapore—Kowloon Wharf.
Vance, (U. C. J. L.) from
Swatow—A25.
Yan On, (Yan Wo) from Hoi-
chow—West Point.
Fonglee, (Yuen Seng Fat) from
Saigon—West Point.
Wong Shek Kung, (Kung Kung)
from Saigon—C45.
Nam Wah, (Chun Hing) from
Toumae—C20.
Tamaha, (St. Oil Co.) from
San Francisco—Lat-chi-kok.
Gothic Prince, (Furness) from
Shanghai—A30.
West Holbrook, (P. M. S. S.)
from Shanghai—A29.

Muensterland, (Arnhold and Co.)
from Manila—Kowloon Wharf.
Tilmanoeck, (U. C. J. L.) from
Muntok—A5.

DEPARTURES.

Hathong, (Douglas & Co.) for
Swatow—February 1.
Tamaha, (St. Oil Co.) for Cebu—
February 1.
Leesang, (J. M. & Co.) for Hoi-
chow—February 1.
Shinyo Maru, (T. K. K.) for
Manila—February 1.
Rafuku Maru, (N. Y. K.) for
Kobe—February 1.
Gothic Prince, (Furness) for
Saigon—February 1.
Kwai Wah, (Yuen Hing) for
Kwong-chow-wan.
Fushiki Maru, (M. B. K.) for
Takao—February 1.
Dovre, (K. N. Seng) for Bang-
kok—February 1.
Shinto Maru, (O. S. K.) for
Takao—February 1.
Pres. Lincoln, (P. M. S. S.) for
Shanghai—February 1.
Kishu Maru, (O. S. K.) for
Saigon—February 1.

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POST OFFICE NOTICES.

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

The G.P.O. and the Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed on TUESDAY, the 5th inst., and will be open on WEDNESDAY, the 6th inst., as follows:—
The G.P.O. and Kowloon Branch—from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. only.
Shanghai Branch—from 8 a.m. and from 5 p.m. to 5 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Wanted, Singapore, Penang and Siam Branches—from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.
On WEDNESDAY the 6th inst., there will be one collection of letters from the pillar boxes, and one delivery of ordinary correspondence on SUNDAY, and also one delivery of registered correspondence from the G.P.O. at 9 a.m. There will be one delivery from the Branch Post Offices at noon.
The Money Order Office will be entirely closed on both days.

INWARD MAHS.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1.
Australia and Manila.....Kistner
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2.
EUROPE via Nipponkai Line only (London Jan. 3).....Rostrand
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3.
EUROPE via Nipponkai Line only (London 3rd Jan.).....Hakusan Maru
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4.
Straits, U.S.A. Japan and Shanghai.....Perim
U.S.A. Japan and Shanghai.....Pres. Harrison
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11.
U.S.A. Canada, Japan and Shanghai.....Pres. Jefferson

OUTWARD MAHS.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1.
Samsui and Wanchow.....Kong Ning.....4 p.m.
Samsui.....Kong Ning.....4 p.m.
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2.
Samsui.....Kong Ning.....4 p.m.
Samsui.....Kong Ning.....4 p.m.
Samsui.....Kong Ning.....4 p.m.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3.
Samsui.....Kong Ning.....4 p.m.
Samsui.....Kong Ning.....4 p.m.
Samsui.....Kong Ning.....4 p.m.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4.
Samsui.....Kong Ning.....4 p.m.
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Samsui.....Kong Ning.....4 p.m.

Manila, "Straits" parcel mail only for
Germany via Hamburg.....12.30 p.m.
Shanghai.....12.30 p.m.
Bangkok.....12.30 p.m.
Samsui.....12.30 p.m.
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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6.
Haiphong.....12.30 p.m.
Manila.....12.30 p.m.
Samsui.....12.30 p.m.
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A. Central
and South America & EUROPE via
Vancouver B.C.—due Vancouver B.C.
9th Feb. Parcel 6th Wednesday 5 p.m.
Registration 9.15 a.m. Letters 10 a.m.
Samsui.....12.30 p.m.
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8.
Samsui.....12.30 p.m.
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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12.
Samsui.....12.30 p.m.
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WEATHER REPORT.

February 1st 12h 02m.—Pressure
has increased moderately from
Wladivostok to Chefoo and
slightly from Hongkong to Hai-
phong. It has decreased con-
siderably over N.E. Japan and
moderately from S.W. Japan to
Formosa.

A new anticyclone has formed
over S.E. Mongolia and a depres-
sion to the east of Formosa.
Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours
ending at 10 a.m. today, 0.14 in-
ches. Total since January 1st, 1.41 inches,
against an average of 1.51 inches.
Forecast for the 24 hours ending at
noon on February 1, 1924.

1.—Formosa Channel, N. winds,
strong, fresh.
2.—South coast of China between
Haiphong and Lamook. N.E. winds,
fresh.
3.—Hongkong to Gay Hook. N.E. winds,
fresh.
4.—South coast of China between
Hongkong and Hainan. N.E. winds,
fresh.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY, HONGKONG.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

FEBRUARY 1, 1924.—a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind Direction.	Force.
Wildhorse	6 a.m.	30.00	71	78	NW	2
Nemuro	6 a.m.	29.98	71	78	NW	2
Kadokawa	6 a.m.	30.00	71	78	NW	2
Tokito	6 a.m.	30.00	71	78	NW	1
Social	6 a.m.	30.00	71	78	NW	1
Nagasaki	6 a.m.	30.00	71	78	NW	1
Kagoshima.	6 a.m.	30.00	71	78	NW	1
Oshima	6 a.m.	30.00	71	78	NW	1
Naha	6 a.m.	30.00	71	78	NW	1
Shimoda	6 a.m.	30.00	71	78	NW	1
Yokohama	6 a.m.	30.00	71	78	NW	1
Choshi	6 a.m.	30.00	71	78	NW	1
Hankow	6 a.m.	30.00	71	78	NW	1
Shanghai	6 a.m.	30.00	71	78	NW	1
Yokohama	6 a.m.	30.00	71	78	NW	1
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